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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

REF: TUNIS 6350

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, MONGI KOOLI, INFORMED ME TODAY, OCTOBER 28, THAT TUNISIA WOULD ABSTAIN ON ALL THREE COUNTS. HE SAID THAT TUNISIA WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR SOUTH KOREA AND ITS POSITION AS "NON-ALIGNED" STATE. FORMER DICTATED GOT'S VOTING IN FAVOR OF "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION, WHILE LATTER ARGUED FOR SUPPORTING ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. TUNISIA HAD DECIDED TO COME DOWN IN THE MIDDLE ALTHOUGH IT IS THE ONLY NON-ALIGNED STATE WHICH IS NOT RPT NOT VOTING FOR THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, ACCORDING TO KOOLI.

2. I URGED THAT GOT RECONSIDER ITS POSITION, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO VOTING ON PRIORITY. KOOLI SAID THAT GOT'S POSITION IS FINAL AND THAT TUNISIAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN SO INSTRUCTED.

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3. COMMENT: SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, CHUL SUN MOON,

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INFORMS ME THAT GOT UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WILL CARRY THE DAY AND THAT IN HIS VIEW THIS MAY BE FACTOR IN GOT'S DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO VOTE OUR WAY. IF INDEED THIS IS THE CASE AND OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT ALGERIAN RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO LOSE, SUGGEST THAT USUN SHARE OUR JUDGMENT WITH TUNISIAN DELEGATION. HOWEVER, OUR GUESS IS THAT GOT WILL ABSTAIN REGARDLESS OF WHICH RESOLUTION GOT ESTIMATES WILL COMMAND STRONGER SUPPORT.
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